A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship - This $250 scholarship was started anonymously in 1993 by long-time aviators, Harold and Zola Hamm. This award was established to benefit a person working to further their aviation passion. A few years later, Lanny Hanson joined the effort and increased the annual award to $500, then with the help of Bob Lipscomb, the scholarship continued to grow to $750. Today the scholarship is provided by the generosity of Lanny Hanson, Aaron Hanson, Tom Hanson and the Hanson family. This year’s winner is Logan Nagel of Billings, MT. Logan is a sophomore at Laurel High School in Laurel, MT. He has received numerous academic awards including academic honors, principle awards, national physical fitness awards and many more. Logan is currently taking steps to obtain his private pilots license at Northern Skies Aviation and one day hopes to become a corporate or commercial pilot.

Aviation Organizations of Montana (AOM) Flight Training Scholarship - AOM has established this $500 scholarship to financially assist a student pilot in obtaining their private pilots certificate. This year’s award goes to Nicole Cannavaro of Missoula, MT. Nicole was raised by two hard working bohemians in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Barely out of diapers, Nicole knew she was going to be a pilot one day. She traveled around the country meeting pilots that she became very close to and often spending her time in the city’s repair hangar. Nicole hopes to get her PPL and start working towards instrument and CPL ratings.

Bob Redding Memorial Scholarship - EAA Chapter 57 in Billings, Montana is offering a $250 scholarship in memory of Bob Redding, a lifetime advocate of general and experimental aviation. Building aircraft was as important to Bob as flying them. This year’s recipient is Wyatt Ducharme of Polson, MT. Wyatt is currently enrolled in the Gallatin College Aviation Program within the Montana State University in Bozeman. After achieving his private pilot’s license, instrument rating, multi-engine rating and commercial license, he plans to enter the US Air Force or find employment as a pilot.

Montana Pilots Association (MPA) Junior Pilot Scholarship - MPA is offering a scholarship of $1,000 for a Montana resident pursuing advanced flight training. This year’s recipient goes to Bailey Stevens of Moore, MT. Bailey gained interest in aviation when she was taken on her first flight at the age of 12. In March of 2015, she started taking flying lessons for fixed wing, and once she got her license, she started pursuing helicopters. Eventually, Bailey wants to complete her ratings for helicopters and fixed wing and one day become a firefighting pilot. Bailey is currently attending Silverhawk Aviation Academy in Caldwell, Idaho and working towards her CFII.

Montana Pilots Association (MPA) Air Safety and Education Foundation Scholarship - MPA offers $1,000 to a Montana soloed student pilot. This year’s winner is Tori Gandia of Bozeman, MT. Tori moved from Dublin, Ireland to obtain an education and pursue her lifelong dream of becoming an airline pilot. From Montana to Texas, and finally back to Montana, she now resides in Bozeman where she will receive her aviation degree at the Montana State University this coming spring.
Scholarships, continued

**Edwards Jet Center Scholarship** - Edwards Jet Center, a full service fixed based operator and Part 135 charter operator based at Logan International Airport in Billings, offers this $500 scholarship to help defray the cost of flight instruction. This award goes to Seth Allard of Billings, MT. For as long as Seth can remember, aviation has been his passion. In his early years, Seth would fly with his grandpa who owned a Cessna 170. Now that Seth is older, he has taken his aviation career more seriously, experiencing an introductory flight at Northern Skies Aviation, and flying in a Beechcraft Bonanza when he attended the MDT Aviation Career Exploration camp. Once Seth receives his instructor license, he hopes to find a job to build hours and eventually exploring different aviation careers.

**Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Missoula Chapter 517 Scholarship** - EAA Missoula Chapter 517 provides three scholarships. One for post-solo flight training; one for a second year A&P student; and one to be used for any type of aviation career training.

The $1,000 EAA Post Solo Flight Training Scholarship is awarded to Jordan Carter of Florence, MT. Flying in Big Sky country is Jordan’s passion. Since he flew his first airplane through EAA’s Young Eagles program, Jordan has been hooked on aviation. Jordan is a junior in High School with a 4.0 GPA. When he is not in school he is working towards his next flight.

The $1,500 EAA Second Year A&P Scholarship goes to Brody Severson of Stevensville, MT. Brody is a second-year student enrolled in the Aviation Maintenance Technology Course at Helena College. In 2014, Brody earned his private pilots certificate and last November he received his instrument rating. Brody will graduate this spring with an Associate’s degree in Applied Science, along with his airframe and powerplant mechanics rating. After graduation, Brody wants to be an aircraft mechanic in Montana or Alaska while continuing to work on his aviation ratings.

The $1,000 Aviation Career Training Scholarship goes to Melissa “Missy” Harlow of Bozeman, MT. When Missy was growing up, her grandfather’s love for aviation passed down to herself and stuck. Missy took her first flight with Vetter Aviation at the age of 16. In the spring of 2016, she decided to commit herself and time to aviation and was accepted to the Montana State University Aviation Program. Missy intends to work her way up to Captain with a regional airline and receive her instructor ratings.

**Montana Airport Management Association (MAMA) Scholarship** - MAMA is awarding a $2,500 scholarship for a Montana High School senior or graduate enrolled in Aviation or Business Management. This year’s award goes to Joel Benson of Bozeman, MT. Airports have played an important role in Joel’s life from milestone birthdays to saying goodbyes to lifelong friends, starting new adventures and finishing old ones. Joel believes airports are places people remember and took it upon himself to learn more about them. Joel wishes to one day be an ambassador for aviation in Montana and help people understand that as our state grows, so does the need for airports.
Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship - MAAA is giving away two $1,000 scholarships to defray the cost of aviation education. The first award goes to **Hunter Koch of Helena, MT.** Hunter is a junior at Rocky Mountain College (RMC) in Billings, MT where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science, and minoring in Organizational Leadership. Hunter is a RMC Aviation Freshman Mentor. He helps guide, encourage and assist students entering the program. In 2016, he completed his instrument rating and is currently finishing his commercial rating. Hunter hopes to one day be an officer in the US Air Force.

Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship - The second MAAA award goes to **Willy Lytton of Polson MT.** Willy is a 17-year-old who loves to fly! Being interested in aviation since the age of seven, Willy one day wants to be a pilot that is versed in all fields of flying. Willy and his brother are co-founders of an aviation program, Blue Skies Aviation Program, that involves educating youth in grade schools. Among this achievement, Willy has received other awards including the Spark Plug Award from Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautic Division.

Parrott Family Scholarship - The Parrott family offers this $1,000 scholarship to be used over a one-year period for pilot training programs for students enrolled in the Rocky Mountain College (RMC) aviation program. The funds may be used for tuition in the RMC aviation program and/or flight training expenses leading to a private, commercial or Flight Instructor Certificate. This year’s scholarship is awarded to **Clayton Canty of Billings, MT.** Clayton is currently a freshman at Rocky Mountain College majoring in Aeronautical Sciences. Since the age of 13, Clayton has been particularly interested in aviation and would one day like to be a commercial airline pilot, a bush pilot or an FAA/NTSB air accident investigator.

Theresa (Nistler) Colley Scholarship - Mountain AirDance Flight Training (Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea) offers this $1,000 scholarship in memory of Theresa (Nistler) Colley who passed away from Leukemia (AML) in February 2012. Theresa loved flying and was working towards her private pilot certificate. This year’s recipient is **Shane Lindemer of Seeley Lake, MT.** Shane’s first flying experience was with his dad in their J3 Piper Cub in which he just recently soloed. In October of 2017, he was lucky enough to fly to Tullahoma, Tennessee for the Annual Beechcraft Beech Party in a Staggering. Shane will be attending Montana State University, Gallatin College in Bozeman, MT and studying aviation.

Tyler Orsow and Chuck Kimes Forever Flying Scholarship - This scholarship is a fully-funded seaplane rating to be provided by Backcountry Flying Experience of Bigfork, MT. The scholarship honors the memory of seaplane pilots Tyler Orsow and Chuck Kimes who were lost in a crash in the Mideast in 2011. This year’s award goes to **Connor Morrell of Billings, MT.** Connor grew up Scouting throughout his life and earned his Eagle Scout Award just before beginning high school. Connor now attends Rocky Mountain College in Billings, earning his Private Pilot Certificate and Instrument Rating and is working towards his Certified Flight Instructor Rating.